

RUBBER/THERMOPLASTIC GRIP TAPE FOR HANDLE

I CLAIM:

1. A grip tape for wrapping a handle comprising:  
2       an elongate tape having a top, a bottom, a left side, and a  
right side; said tape including:  
4       a top portion comprising:  
6           a thermoplastic in the form of an elongate strip; and  
8           a rubber in the form of an elongate strip; and  
connecting means connecting said thermoplastic and said  
rubber.
2. The grip tape of Claim 1 wherein:  
said connecting means includes:  
a bottom portion underlying said top portion comprising:  
cloth bonded to said thermoplastic and to said  
rubber.
3. The grip tape of Claim 1 wherein:  
said connecting means includes:  
bonding means bonding said thermoplastic and said rubber.
4. The grip tape of Claim 1 wherein:  
2       said thermoplastic is urethane.
5. The grip tape of Claim 2 wherein:  
2       said cloth is open-pore.
6. The grip tape of Claim 2 wherein:  
2       said cloth is felt.
7. A grip tape for wrapping a handle; said tape having a top, a  
2       bottom, a left side, and a right side; said tape comprising:  
a top portion comprising:

4           a rubber in the form of an elongate strip having a right  
edge and a left edge; said rubber comprising:  
6            a central portion having an upper surface;  
8            a right edge portion having an upper surface lower  
than said rubber central portion upper surface; and  
10          a left edge portion having an upper surface lower  
than said rubber central portion upper surface; and  
12          a thermoplastic in the form of an elongate strip having  
a right edge and a left edge; said thermoplastic comprising:  
14          a central portion having an upper surface;  
16          a right edge portion having an upper surface lower  
than said thermoplastic central portion upper surface; and  
18          a left edge portion having an upper surface lower  
than said thermoplastic central portion upper surface; wherein:  
20         said rubber right edge portion and said thermoplastic left edge  
portion overlap one another to define an overlap and are bonded to  
one another along the overlap.

8.   The grip tape of Claim 7 wherein:  
said overlap has a free end having an upper surface lower than said  
rubber central portion upper surface.

9.   The grip tape of Claim 7 wherein:  
said thermoplastic is urethane.

10.   The grip tape of Claim 7 further including:  
2       a bottom portion underlying said top portion comprising:  
          cloth bonded to said thermoplastic and to said rubber.

11.   The grip tape of Claim 10 wherein:  
2       said cloth is open-pore.

12.   The grip tape of Claim 10 wherein:  
2       said cloth is felt.

13. A grip tape for wrapping a handle; said tape having a top, a  
2 bottom, a left side, and a right side; said tape comprising:  
4 a top portion comprising:

5 a rubber in the form of an elongate strip having a right  
edge and a left edge; said rubber comprising:

6 a central portion having an upper surface;

8 than said rubber central portion upper surface; and

10 than said rubber central portion upper surface; and

12 a thermoplastic portion in the form of an elongate strip  
having a right edge and a left edge; said thermoplastic portion  
comprising:

14 a thermoplastic comprising:

16 a central portion having an upper surface;

18 a right edge embossed portion having an upper  
surface lower than said thermoplastic central portion upper  
surface; said right edge embossed portion being denser than said  
thermoplastic central portion; and

20 a left edge embossed portion having an upper  
surface lower than said thermoplastic central portion upper  
surface; said left edge embossed portion being denser than said  
thermoplastic central portion; wherein:

24 said thermoplastic left edge embossed portion overlaps said rubber  
right edge portion to define an overlap and is bonded to said  
26 rubber right edge portion.

14. The grip tape of Claim 13 wherein:

2 said thermoplastic left edge has an upper surface lower than said  
rubber central portion upper surface.

15. The grip tape of Claim 13 further including:

2 a bottom portion of cloth bonded to said top portion.

16. The grip tape of Claim 15 wherein:

2 said cloth includes:

4 a skived right portion; and  
a skived left portion.

17. The grip tape of Claim 15 wherein said cloth is felt.

18. The grip tape of Claim 15 wherein said bottom is coated with  
2 two-sided tape.

20. A grip tape for wrapping a handle; said tape having a top, a  
2 bottom, a left side, and a right side; said tape comprising:  
a top portion comprising:

4 a rubber in the form of an elongate strip having a right  
edge and a left edge; said rubber comprising:

a central portion having an upper surface;

10 a right edge portion having an upper surface lower  
than said rubber central portion upper surface; and

12 a left edge portion having an upper surface lower  
than said rubber central portion upper surface; and

14 a thermoplastic portion in the form of an elongate strip  
having a right edge and a left edge; said thermoplastic portion  
comprising:

16 an upper part of thermoplastic; and

18 a lower part of cloth bonded to said thermoplastic;

20 said thermoplastic portion including:

22 a central portion having an upper surface;

24 a right edge embossed portion having an upper  
surface lower than said thermoplastic portion central portion upper  
surface; said right edge embossed portion being denser than said  
thermoplastic portion central portion; and

26 a left edge embossed portion having an upper  
surface lower than said thermoplastic portion central portion upper  
surface; said left edge embossed portion being denser than said  
thermoplastic portion central portion; wherein:

said left edge embossed portion overlaps said rubber right edge

portion to define an overlap and is bonded to said rubber right  
28 edge portion.

21. The grip tape of Claim 20 wherein:

2 said cloth includes:

4 a skived right portion; and  
a skived left portion.

22. The grip tape of Claim 20 wherein:

2 said thermoplastic portion left edge has an upper surface lower  
than said rubber central portion upper surface.

23. The grip tape of Claim 20 further including:

a bottom portion including:  
cloth bonded to said top portion.

24. The grip tape of Claim 23 wherein:

said cloth of said bottom portion includes:  
a skived right portion; and  
a skived left portion.

25. The grip tape of Claim 23 wherein said cloth is felt.

26. The grip tape of Claim 23 wherein said bottom is coated with  
two-sided tape.